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Qld Stats provides an overview of Queensland's key social and economic indicators, presented in graphs, tables and analytical summaries with links to more detailed products. Qld Stats also contains news of upcoming seminars, current and future releases and other matters of statistical interest for Queensland.

Qld Stats is currently issued monthly and will be released on a quarterly basis from December 2010.

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**NatStats 2010 Conference**  
15-17 September 2010 Darling Harbour Sydney



## **Registration closing soon**

NatStats 2010 will be held from 15 - 17 September 2010 at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour.

In line with the overall themes for the conference, "Measuring what counts: economic development, wellbeing and progress in 21<sup>st</sup> century Australia", conference speakers will explore drivers of economic and related social change that are shaping Australia's progress, identify the challenges facing Australia in the coming decades, and will highlight the importance of policies and strategies in understanding and responding to these challenges. The role that a statistical framework will play in enabling a greater understanding of these challenges, in forming research and public debate, and in helping to develop practical responses, will also be discussed.

NatStats 2010 Keynote Speakers include Dr Ken Henry AC, Secretary to the Commonwealth Treasury, will deliver the opening plenary address at the conference and the Hon Dr Geoff Gallop AC, Director of the Graduate School of Government at the University of Sydney, will deliver a presentation focused around improving the wellbeing of Australians.

### **Other Speakers include:**

Mr Phillip Lowe, Assistant Governor, Reserve Bank of Australia

Ms Martine Durand, OECD Chief Statistician and Director, Statistic Directorate

Ms Jane Halton PSM, Secretary of the Department of Health and Ageing

Mr Geoff Allen AM, Chairman, Australian Statistics Advisory Council

Prof Paul Cheung, Director, Statistics Division, United Nations

Dr David Gruen, Executive Director, Macroeconomic Group, Treasury

Ms Dorte Ekelund, Executive Director of the Major Cities Unit at Infrastructure Australia

Mr Paul McClintock AO, Chairman, COAG Reform Council

Mrs Heather Ridout, Chief Executive, Australian Industry Group

Dr Lynne Williams, Under Secretary, Department of Treasury and Finance (Victoria)

Dr Doug McTaggart, Chief Executive, QIC

Mr Gary Banks, Chairman of the Productivity Commission

For a full list of confirmed speakers and program please visit [www.nss.gov.au/natstats2010](http://www.nss.gov.au/natstats2010) or email [natstats@nss.gov.au](mailto:natstats@nss.gov.au).

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## Australian Health Survey

### **BIGGEST EVER**

The health of Australians will be getting its most comprehensive check-up ever, with the announcement of the Australian Health Survey to be conducted by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

The survey is being planned in close consultation with the Department of Health and Ageing and the National Heart Foundation of Australia.

It will include new and better measures of what Australians are eating and how physically active they are. It will also collect other health information, such as whether people have been diagnosed with arthritis or heart disease.

In another first, the survey will also measure chronic disease risk factors such as cholesterol levels and blood pressure.

The survey will also ask people to consider a visit to a pathology centre so that information on health risks factors can be derived from blood and urine samples. This will give a more accurate picture of the number of Australians with health issues such as high cholesterol, diabetes risk or poor nutritional status.

Around 50,000 people across Australia will be asked to take part in the survey, which is planned to start in April 2011.

Further information is available on [The Australian Health Survey](#) home page.

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## APA Conference 2010



***Registration available now online - Early bird discounts close Friday 3 September***

The 15th Biennial Australian Population Association (APA) Conference will be held from Tuesday 30 November to Friday 3 December 2010 at the Crowne Plaza Surfers Paradise.

The theme of the conference will be **the impacts of generational change**.

The Australian Population Association invites you to join some of Australia's principal demographic thinkers and contribute to the debate. Should Australia continue to allow a large overseas migrant intake and what are the consequences? Will current high fertility levels continue into the future? Can we overcome potential impacts on living standards by working harder and smarter?

Highlights of the 2010 national conference program include:

- W.D. Borrie Lecture to be given by Dr Don Rowland on the theme: **Policies and**

## **predicaments in global ageing**

- Eminent keynote speakers
- Panel discussions
- Special presentation from the Department of Immigration and Citizenship on challenges, planning and reforms to Australia's temporary and permanent migration programs
- A range of plenary and concurrent sessions covering key population and demographic issues, and
- A joint session with APA / PANZ / Asia Pacific.

With registration costs starting at \$495 (or \$280 for day registration), this represents excellent value.

Trade displays and a wide range of sponsorship opportunities are still available, and can be secured by contacting the Conference Manager - Event Solutions.

See the APA Conference website for program details, sponsorship opportunities and to register online now.

### **Register now**

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## **A Guide for Using Statistics for Evidence Based Policy**

A Guide for Using Statistics for Evidence Based Policy is now available on the ABS website.

The Guide provides useful information about how statistics can be used to make informed policy decisions, and includes the following information:

- What is evidence based decision making?
- How good statistics can enhance the decision making process
- Using statistics for making evidence based decisions
- Data awareness
- Understanding statistical concepts and terminology
- Analyse, interpret and evaluate statistical information
- Communicate statistical findings
- Evaluate outcomes of policy decisions.

The Guide is available under the Federal Government theme page on the ABS website which is accessible via the 'Understanding Statistics' link on the left hand navigation bar then 'Information for You' then 'Federal Government'. Alternatively, access the guide via the above link.

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### **2011 Census Countdown**



In less than one year from now, the ABS will be conducting the 16th Census of Population and Housing on 9 August 2011, marking 100 years of Census taking in Australia. Data from the Census has long supported planning, decision-making and funding at all levels of government, and is behind the services and facilities you use in your community every day. This Census will be the largest peace time logistical exercise undertaken in Australia's history and a lot of planning must go into making it a success.

The Queensland Census Management team recently celebrated "One Year Until Census" with the

rest of the Queensland ABS Regional Office. ABS staff across the country have been working diligently behind the scenes designing urban and rural area census collector workloads, as well as developing strategies to ensure specific population groups are counted accurately. In Queensland, these groups include travellers, the homeless, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, the mining industry, ethnic groups and occupants of secure apartment buildings.

There has been considerable emphasis placed on improving on the enumeration of Queensland's Indigenous population in the 2011 Census. Additional resources have been allocated to Indigenous Enumeration, allowing Local Engagement Managers in Mt Isa, Cairns and Mackay to build the relationships which will provide the foundation for a more accurate count of the Indigenous population in Queensland.

It has long been known that having good quality field staff is paramount to the success of the Census. District Manager positions will be advertised in October 2010, followed by Area Supervisors in February 2011 and then Census Collectors in April 2011. If you are interested in undertaking one of these roles, or know of someone who would be interested, check the [Careers](#) page on the ABS website or your local newspaper around these times for details on how to apply.

For more information about the planning for the 2011 Census, please see the brochure [2011 Census of Population and Housing Local & Regional Engagement Strategy](#) (cat. no. 2911.0.55.001) or contact the Queensland Census Management Unit on 1800 334 696.

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## **Information Paper: Census of Population and Housing -- Proposed Products and Services**

[Information Paper: Census of Population and Housing -- Proposed Products and Services](#), 2011 (cat. no. 2011.0) was released on 29 July 2010.

The Census of Population and Housing provides a wealth of information about Australia's population and the dwellings in which we live. The next Census is scheduled for 9 August 2011.

Planning is well underway for the 2011 Census output program. We are committed to releasing the results of the Census through a wide range of products and services designed to make it easy for you to access the data you need.

The first results from the 2011 Census will be released in June 2012.

The key goals of the 2011 Census output program are to:

- provide high quality data in a timely manner
- make the data available through a wide range of products to suit the varying needs of clients
- deliver rich applications early in the output cycle to maximise the value of the data
- use the internet as the primary channel for dissemination so we can reach the widest possible audience
- make improvements to the stability and speed of our on-line applications
- use state-of-the-art maps for navigation and visualisation of Census data
- ensure Census results are available to all users in a fully accessible web environment
- make it easier to navigate your way around our website and find what you need.

The release of this information paper marks the start of a wide consultation program. We encourage you to read through the proposals in this paper and visit [ABS Betaworks](#) for a glimpse of what the products might look like. While you are there, please complete the short on-line survey and give us feedback. Your input will ensure that we continue to develop our output products so they meet your data needs.

We will be conducting user information sessions around Australia later this year to discuss our proposals with you in more detail. Please come along in person and share your views on the proposed 2011 Census output product range. Session times will be advertised on the ABS website.

If you need clarification or more information, please send email to [census.software@abs.gov.au](mailto:census.software@abs.gov.au).

Thank you in advance for your input and support for the 2011 Census.

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## **Demography News, Aug 2010**

Demography News, Aug 2010 (cat. no. 3106.0) was released on 17 August 2010.

Demographic statistics provide measures of the Australian population, its size, growth, composition and geographic distribution, as well as the components that shape population change: births, deaths and migration.

This newsletter provides information about the latest demographic research and analysis being undertaken by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

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## **Crime and Justice News, 2010**

Crime and Justice News, 2010 (cat. no. 4500.0) was released on 29 July 2010.

Crime and Justice News is the annual newsletter of the National Centre for Crime and Justice Statistics (NCCJS) at the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

Crime and Justice News provides information on current and upcoming projects, snapshot data from recent NCCJS publications, and information about current issues in the Crime and Justice sector.

Interested readers are also invited to visit the Crime and Justice Theme Page on the ABS web site for information on the above, links to crime and justice publications and resources, and further details about accessing and using crime and justice statistics.

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## **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

Newly developed Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) pages have been added on the ABS website.

The FAQs have largely been designed to improve access, use and understanding of ABS statistics. This assistance will help target essentially the 'tourist' category of user, who is not familiar with ABS terminology, statistical concepts, or organisation of the ABS website. It also aims to achieve the following benefits:

- Easier access to ABS statistics;
- facilitate correct use of data for known issues e.g. homelessness statistics;
- assistance in finding currently topical or 'in the news' data, - particularly relevant for journalists;
- targeted suites of FAQs for specific customer groups e.g. small business, government, librarians;
- improve search outcomes and customer satisfaction;
- support NIRS and other ABS staff in assisting clients with common queries, and ensure consistency in responses;
- reduce user-dissatisfaction with ABS website experience; improve customer interactions with and perceptions of the ABS;
- reduction in repeat enquiries fielded by NIRS; and
- support the National Statistical Service (NSS) objectives.

The FAQs are divided into three distinct categories:

- FAQs by topic;
- FAQs for you; and
- FAQs about the ABS.

To date the FAQs have been received positively with a future view to enhance and increase their use over time.

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[\*\*Health Services: Patient Experiences in Australia, 2009\*\*](#)

Health Services: Patient Experiences in Australia, 2009 (cat. no. 4839.0.55.001) was released on 30 July 2010.

This publication provides national data on access and barriers to a range of health care services including general practitioners, medical specialists and other health professionals, imaging and pathology, after hours care and hospital/emergency departments. Data is also presented on patient experiences of care and information provision. It includes data from people that did not access health services as well as from those who did and enables analysis of health service information in relation to particular population groups.

Some data for Queensland:

- In the past 12 months, 82% of people aged 15 years and over saw a general practitioner (GP), 12% were admitted to hospital and 13% visited an emergency department.
- In the past 12 months, 290,100 people aged 15 years and over were admitted to hospital once and 121,400 were admitted two or more times.

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### **Migration, Australia, 2008-09**

Migration, Australia, 2008-09 (cat. no. 3412.0) was released on 29 July 2010.

This publication brings together statistics on international migration into and out of Australia, interstate migration within Australia and information on overseas-born residents of Australia. Australia's migration is described in the context of the Government's migration program and in comparison with international migration experienced by other countries.

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### **Perspectives on Migrants, June 2010**

Perspectives on Migrants, June 2010 (cat. no. 3416.0) was released on 15 June 2010.

Issues and debates relating to migrants, ethnicity and migration programs are common place within the Australian political and media landscape. The National Migrant Statistics Unit (NMSU), through the 'Perspectives on Migrants' series attempts to provide informed commentary to assist those interested in these major issues. Previously the 'Perspectives on Migrants' series has been released on an annual basis, but they will now be released on an irregular basis.

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### **Measures of Australia's Progress: Regional Data**

Measures of Australia's Progress (cat. no. 1370.0) (MAP) tries to answer the question: 'is life in Australia getting better?' The next edition is due for release on 15 September, 2010 as a web based publication. There will be spreadsheets containing the data used in MAP available to download and for the headline indicators state and territory data will also be available (where applicable). The publication will also include a slim-line brochure which highlights key information from MAP.

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### **Population by Age and Sex, Regions of Australia, 2009**

Population by Age and Sex, Regions of Australia, 2009 (cat. no. 3235.0) was released on 5 August 2010.

This publication contains final estimates of the resident populations of areas of Australia as at 30 June 2004 and preliminary estimates as at 30 June 2009, based on Statistical Local Areas (SLAs), Local Government Areas (LGAs), Statistical Subdivisions (SSDs), Statistical Divisions (SDs), and states and territories, according to the 2009 edition of the Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC).

Some data for Queensland:

- Between June 2004 and June 2009, Queensland recorded the largest and fastest growth of any state or territory (a total of 524,200 people or 13.4% over the period).
- Over the same period, Queensland had the largest and fastest increase of children aged under 15 years (80,500 or 10.0%) and the second largest increase in people aged 65 and over (81,200).
- At June 2009, there were the same number of males as females, i.e. the sex ratio (the number of males per 100 females) was even (100.0).

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### **Updated Time Series Spreadsheets for Population by Age and Sex, Australian States and Territories, Jun 2009 (Additional Information)**

Updated Time Series Spreadsheets for Population by Age and Sex, Australian States and Territories, Jun 2009 (cat. no. 3201.0) were released on 12 August 2010.

The product includes Time Series Spreadsheets containing population estimates by single year of age and sex for each state and territory from June 1971 to June 2009. Population estimates from 30 June 2008 onwards have been revised following scheduled annual revisions for 2007-08 financial year.

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### **National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Survey, Australia: Summary Booklet, 2008**

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Survey, Australia: Summary Booklet, 2008 (cat. no. 4714.0.55.003) was reissued on 20 July 2010.

The summary booklets are intended for use by Indigenous Engagement Managers while visiting Indigenous Communities. They present a shorter summary of the results from the 2008 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Survey, on a wide range of topics including population, culture and language, health, education, labour force, housing, family and support networks, children and young adults.

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### **Microdata: Education and Training, Basic CURF, Australia, 2009**

Microdata: Education and Training, Basic CURF, Australia, 2009 (cat. no. 6278.0.55.002) was released on 30 July 2010.

This Basic CURF provides detailed information from the 2009 Survey of Education and Training. As well as general demographic data, it contains a range of data items relating to educational and learning activity in Australia covering topics such as the level and field of educational attainment, participation in various types of education and training, details of training courses completed, information about access and barriers to education and training, and employment outcomes from educational activity.

The CURF enables users to tabulate, manipulate and analyse data to their individual specifications. Steps to confidentialise the data have been taken that ensures confidentiality of respondents while at the same time maintaining the integrity of the data and optimising its content. This includes removing any information that might uniquely identify an individual and reducing the level of detail for some data items.

The Basic CURF is available either on CD-ROM or through the Remote Access Data Laboratory (RADL) or ABS Data Laboratory (ABSDL). The publication, Technical Manual: Survey of Education and Training, Basic and Expanded CURFs, Australia, 2009 (cat. no. 6278.0.55.001), explains the data content, technical details and conditions of use and should be used in conjunction with this

CURF. An Excel spreadsheet listing all the data items available on the Basic CURF accompanies the Technical Manual.

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## **Microdata: Education and Training, Expanded CURF, Australia, 2009**

[Microdata: Education and Training, Expanded CURF, Australia, 2009](#) (cat. no. 6278.0.55.004) was released on 30 July 2010.

This Expanded CURF provides detailed information from the 2009 Survey of Education and Training. As well as general demographic data, it contains a range of data items relating to educational and learning activity in Australia covering topics such as the level and field of educational attainment, participation in various types of education and training, details of training courses completed, information about access and barriers to education and training, and employment outcomes from educational activity.

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## **Understanding Data Quality - Helping You Make Better Decisions**

The [National Statistical Service](#) (NSS), a community of government agencies led by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), encourages the use of statistical frameworks, principles and resources, which can help data providers and users to realise the benefits of good data management through its DATAfitness program. DATAfitness encourages the use of statistical frameworks, principles and resources which can help data providers and users to realise the benefits of good data management.

Over the past few years, the call has been put out for public policies to be informed by good evidence. Statistical information is now answering that call. Statistical information has long been recognised as being good evidence, which places it at the heart of evidence-based policy.

As part of its DATAfitness program, the NSS has developed [Data Quality Online](#) (DQO), an easy-to-use online support system for data collectors, providers and users.

DQO is the first assistant of its kind in the world and provides clear and simple support to those involved in understanding data, and using it to make decisions.

DQO helps users to draft data quality statements, and can now be used to compile general purpose quality statements for a variety of data sets (e.g. Administrative data, Survey data) whilst continuing to support users to draft tailored, indicator-driven quality statements for Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Performance reporting.

The NSS officially launched the DQO in August 2010, in conjunction with the ABS. DQO is based on the nationally recognised [ABS Data Quality Framework](#), which provides a consistent standard for describing the quality of data.

For more information on DQO and DATAfitness, either visit the NSS website, visit [www.nss.gov.au/DataQuality](http://www.nss.gov.au/DataQuality) or email <inquiries@nss.gov.au>.

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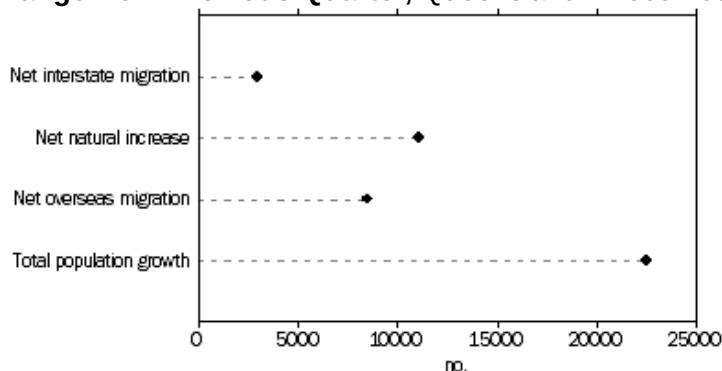
### POPULATION CHANGE

#### Population Change, Queensland

The preliminary estimated resident population (ERP) for Queensland was 4,473,000 at 31 December 2009, an increase of 106,600 (2.4%) since 31 December 2008. Queensland's population continued to record the second-fastest growth rate behind Western Australia.

Between the September 2009 quarter and the December 2009 quarter, 49% (11,100 persons) of the total population increase (22,500 persons) was due to natural increase (excess of births over deaths), 38% (8,500 persons) was due to net overseas migration and 13% (3,000 persons) was attributed to net interstate migration.

#### Population Change from Previous Quarter, Queensland - December 2009 quarter



Source: Australian Demographic Statistics (cat. no. 3101.0).

Further information about Queensland's population can be accessed from [Australian Demographic Statistics](#) (cat. no. 3101.0) or by contacting the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. This publication is released quarterly.

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### REGIONAL POPULATION GROWTH

#### Regional Population Growth, Queensland

At 30 June 2009, the Queensland population was estimated to be 4,425,100 persons. The south east corner comprising Brisbane, Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast and West Moreton statistical divisions accounted for two-thirds (66%) of the state's population. During the year to June 2009, Brisbane Statistical Division reached the population milestone of two million, representing 45% of Queensland's population.

## Regional Population(a), By Statistical Division - At 30 June - 2001, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009

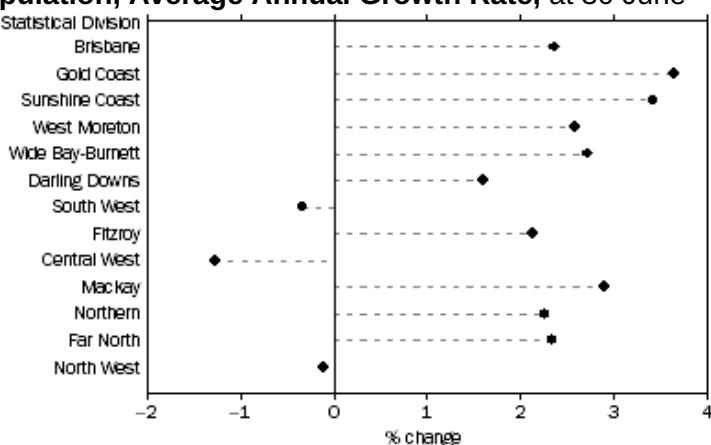
	2001 '000	2006 '000	2007r '000	2008r '000	2009p '000
Statistical division					
Brisbane	1 663.1	1 857.8	1 902.2	1 952.2	2 004.3
Gold Coast	387.1	466.4	484.6	499.5	515.2
Sunshine Coast	247.2	295.1	304.1	313.9	323.4
West Moreton	77.2	86.4	88.6	91.0	94.7
Wide Bay-Burnett	232.0	264.1	271.3	278.9	287.4
Darling Downs	209.0	225.8	228.8	232.4	237.2
South West	27.0	26.4	26.2	26.2	26.3
Fitzroy	186.5	206.2	210.9	215.5	220.7
Central West	13.6	12.5	12.4	12.3	12.3
Mackay	137.5	159.8	163.6	168.2	172.7
Northern	190.3	209.9	215.4	221.4	227.3
Far North	224.2	247.3	254.3	262.9	269.7
North West	34.3	33.2	33.5	34.2	34.0
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>3 628.9</b>	<b>4 090.9</b>	<b>4 196.0</b>	<b>4 308.6</b>	<b>4 425.1</b>

(a) Estimates as at 30 June are final for 2001 to 2006, revised for 2007 and 2008 and preliminary for 2009. For all years, Statistical divisions are based on the Australian Standard Geographical Classification 2009 Edition.

Source: *Regional Population Growth, Australia* (cat. no. 3218.0).

The fastest growing statistical divisions over the eight years between 30 June 2001 and 30 June 2009 were Gold Coast with an average annual growth rate of 3.6%, Sunshine Coast (3.4%) and Mackay (2.9%). Three statistical divisions recorded negative average annual growth during the same period: North West (-0.1%), South West (-0.3%) and Central West (-1.3%).

### Regional Population, Average Annual Growth Rate, at 30 June - 2001 to 2009



Source: *Regional Population Growth, Australia* (cat. no. 3218.0).

For more information on Queensland's regional population distribution, please refer to [Regional Population Growth, Australia](#) (cat. no. 3218.0) or contact the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. This publication is released annually.

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### LABOUR FORCE

## Job Vacancies

In original terms, Queensland's total number of job vacancies decreased to 28,500 in May 2010 from 31,600 in February 2010. The May 2010 vacancies were 10% lower than in February 2010. Public sector vacancies accounted for 11% of total job vacancies in February 2010.



(a) A gap in series exists from August 2008 to August 2009 inclusive.  
(b) Telstra Corporation changed from the public sector to the private sector between November 2006 and February 2007.

Source: *Job Vacancies, Australia* (cat. no. 6354.0).

## Gap in series

This is the first issue of *Job Vacancies, Australia* since May 2008, due to the suspension of the *Job Vacancies Survey* in 2008-09.

Caution should be used when comparing estimates from November 2009 onwards with estimates for May 2008 and previous periods, due to the changes outlined below:

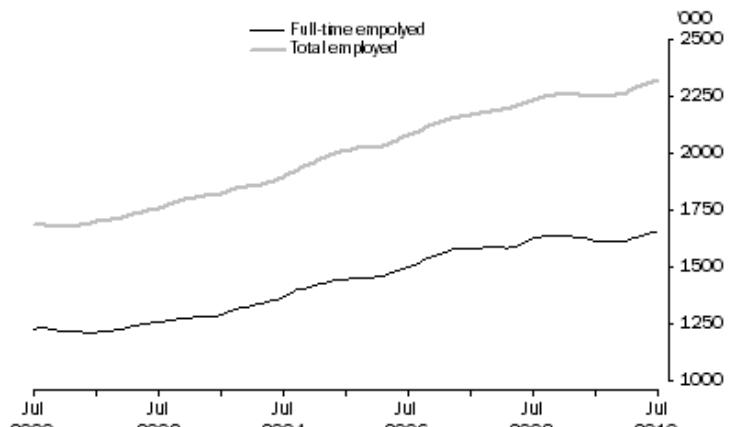
- As a result of the suspension of the *Job Vacancies Survey*, no original estimates were produced for five quarters between August 2008 and August 2009 inclusive. The ABS cannot produce reliable estimates by collecting this missing data retrospectively. As a consequence, no estimates are available for the 5 quarters.
- A new sample is being used in the *Job Vacancies Survey* from November 2009, based on ANZSIC 2006 and incorporating improvements to the survey frame.
- From November 2009, industry statistics presented are on the basis of Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC), 2006 edition. Industry data up to May 2008 are available only on an ANZSIC 1993 basis. For further details, see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 20 to 22 in *Job Vacancies, Australia*.

Further information on this topic can be accessed at [Job Vacancies, Australia](#) (cat. no. 6354.0).

## Employed Persons

In July 2010, total employment in Queensland in trend terms rose 0.2% to 2,319,400 persons, the twelfth monthly rise following five consecutive monthly decreases. Full-time employed persons (1,653,600) accounted for 71% of total employed persons. Males accounted for 65% of full-time employed persons and 54% of total employed persons.

**Employed Persons, Queensland: Trend**

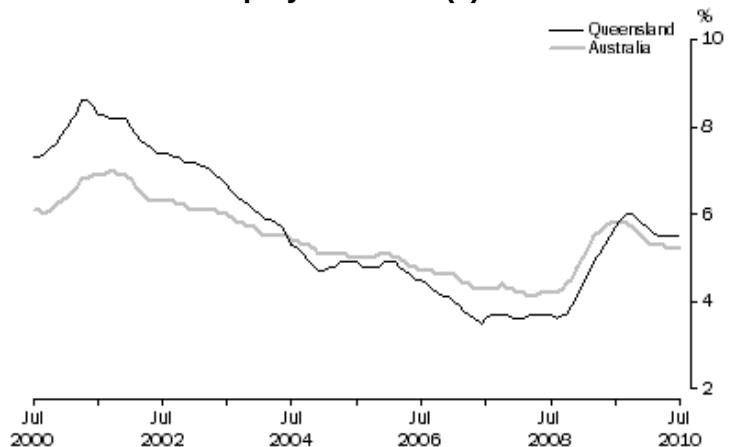


Source: *Labour Force, Australia, Spreadsheets* (cat. no. 6202.0).

## Unemployment

The trend estimate of the number of unemployed persons in Queensland for July 2010 was 134,300 persons. This equates to an unemployment rate of 5.5%. The Queensland trend unemployment rate has been higher than the national unemployment rate from August 2009 onwards.

**Unemployment Rate(a): Trend**

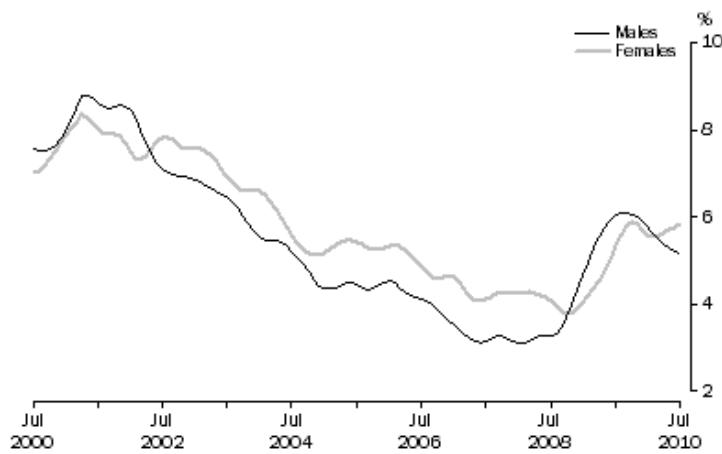


(a) Series break at April 2001.

Source: *Labour Force, Australia, Spreadsheets* (cat. no. 6202.0).

In Queensland in July 2010, the trend male unemployment rate was 5.2% and the trend female unemployment rate was 5.8%. From November 2008 to February 2010, female unemployment rates were lower than male unemployment rates. From March 2010 onwards, the female unemployment rate has been increasing and higher than the male unemployment rate in trend terms.

**Unemployment Rate(a), Queensland: Trend**



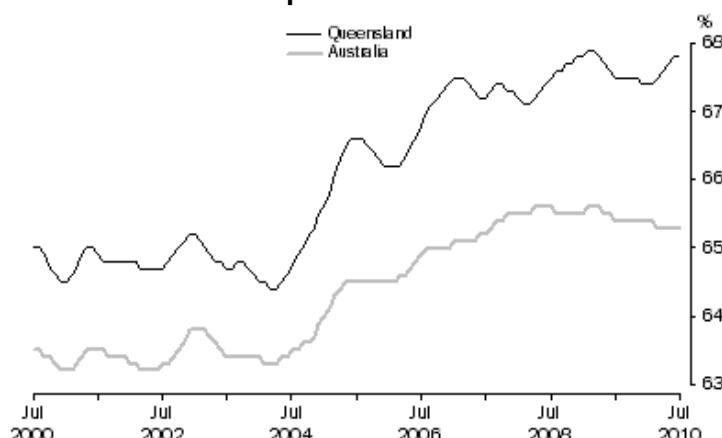
(a) Series break at April 2001.

Source: *Labour Force, Australia, Spreadsheets* (cat. no. 6202.0).

## Participation Rate

The trend estimate of the participation rate for Queensland in July 2010 was 67.8%. This was 2.8 percentage points higher than the Queensland rate in July 2000 and 2.5 percentage points higher than the national participation rate in July 2010.

### Participation Rate: Trend

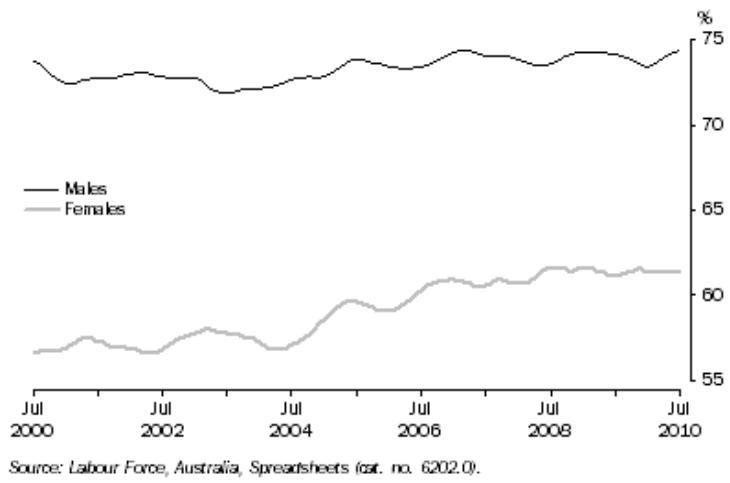


Source: *Labour Force, Australia, Spreadsheets* (cat. no. 6202.0).

For Queensland, the trend female participation rate was 61.4% in July 2010 and has remained unchanged at this level since January 2010. The female participation rate has been over 60% since June 2006 and in July 2010 was 4.8 percentage points higher than that recorded in July 2000.

The trend male participation rate has been increasing from February 2010 and in July 2010 was 74.4%. This was 0.7 percentage points higher than the rate recorded for July 2000.

### Participation Rate, Queensland: Trend



Source: *Labour Force, Australia, Spreadsheets* (cat. no. 6202.0).

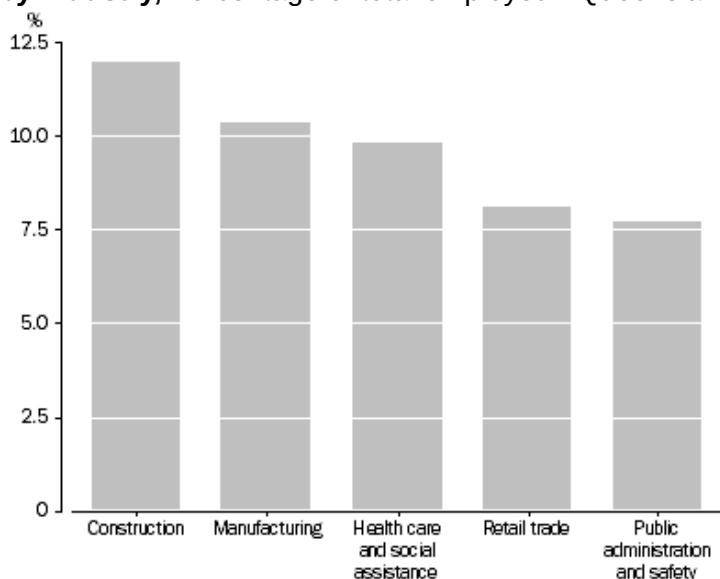
Further information on these topics can be accessed at [Labour Force, Australia](#) (cat. no. 6202.0) or by contacting the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. These publications are released monthly.

### Employed Persons by Industry

There were 2,286,300 employed persons in Queensland in May 2010. The five industries with the most number of employed persons were Retail trade (260,100), Health care and social assistance (257,100), Construction (230,400), Manufacturing (192,000), and Accommodation and food services (170,600). Those industries employing the least number of persons included Electricity, gas, water and waste services (28,300), Information, media and telecommunications (30,400), and Arts and recreation services (37,600).

The five industries with the most number of employed persons accounted for almost 48% of Queensland's employed persons.

### Employed Persons by Industry, Percentage of total employed - Queensland: Original - May 2010



Source: *Labour Force, Australia, Detailed, Quarterly* (cat. no. 6291.0.55.003).

In the year May 2009 to May 2010, the greatest proportional increase of employed persons occurred in the Administrative and Support Services (30%). In the same period, Information Media and Telecommunications had the greatest proportional decrease in employed persons with a reduction of 23%.

Note: Employed persons by industry has been reported in original terms and cannot be directly compared with the trend estimates reported for Labour Force.

For more detailed information on this topic, please refer to [Labour Force, Australia, Detailed, Quarterly](#) (cat. no. 6291.0.55.003) or contact the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. This publication is released quarterly.

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## Recent Economic Statistics

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### RECENT ECONOMIC STATISTICS

#### **Experimental Estimates of the Gross Value of Irrigated Agricultural Production, 2000-01 - 2007-08**

[Experimental Estimates of the Gross Value of Irrigated Agricultural Production, 2000-01 - 2007-08](#) (cat. no. 4610.0.55.008) was released on 30 July 2010.

A Queensland data cube was added to this product on 3 August 2010.

Gross Value of Irrigated Agricultural Production (GVIAP) estimates have been a core component of the ABS Water Account (cat. no. 4610.0) which is produced every four years. Growing demand from policy-makers and other users has led to an increasing pressure on the ABS to produce more accurate and frequent estimates of GVIAP at a sub-state geographic level. This product presents the

ABS response to these information needs.

Recently, the ABS developed an improved methodology for calculating GVIAP, which is described in the information paper [Methods of estimating the Gross Value of Irrigated Agricultural Production](#) (cat. no. 4610.0.55.006). The experimental estimates presented here use this improved method.

GVIAP refers to the gross value of agricultural commodities that are produced with the assistance of irrigation. The gross value of commodities produced is the value placed on recorded production at the wholesale prices realised in the marketplace. Note that this definition of GVIAP does not refer to the value that irrigation adds to production, or the "net effect" that irrigation has on production - rather, it simply describes the gross value of agricultural commodities produced with the assistance of irrigation. GVIAP is not a measure of productivity.

For this reason, extreme care must be taken when attempting to use GVIAP figures to compare different commodities - that is, the gross value of irrigated production should not be used as a proxy for determining the highest value water uses. Rather, it is a more effective tool for measuring changes over time or comparing regional differences in irrigated agricultural production (see [Explanatory Notes](#) for more information).

In the first issue of this product, released in May 2009, tables relating to the reference period 2000-01 to 2006-07 were presented for Australia, States and Territories and the Murray-Darling Basin.

This second issue builds on the time series with the addition of 2007-08 data for Australia, States and Territories and the Murray-Darling Basin, as well as Natural Resource Management (NRM) region level data for 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08.

Further, the GVAP (Gross Value of Agricultural Production, also referred to as VACP) and GVIAP estimates for 2005-06 and 2006-07 shown in this latest release have been revised where necessary, for example, when a new price becomes available for a commodity after the previous publication.

These estimates are presented in current prices, and therefore changes between years do not show the impact of changes in prices over time (see [Explanatory Notes](#)).

The ABS plans to release GVIAP estimates on an annual basis. It is anticipated that future issues of the product will include additional information including chain volume measures at the national level and some further regional breakdown.

ABS welcomes comments on these experimental estimates. Please contact Steven May on 02 6252 5593 or email <[steven.may@abs.gov.au](mailto:steven.may@abs.gov.au)>.

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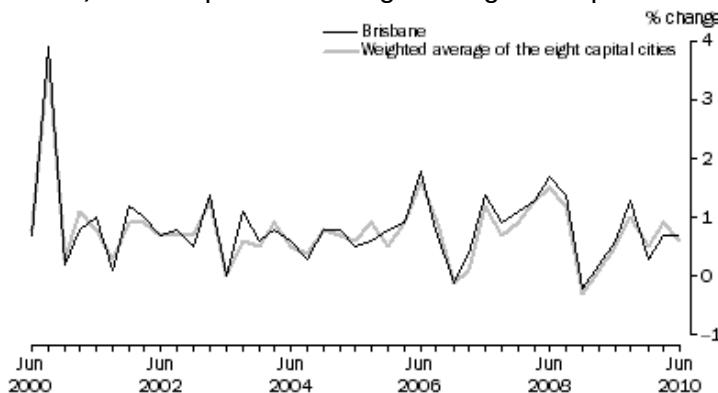
### PRICES

#### Consumer Price Index

The all groups consumer price index (CPI) for Brisbane increased by 3.2% in the 12 months to June quarter 2010 compared with a 3.1% increase in the weighted average of the eight capital cities. Perth recorded the highest increase of any capital city (3.5%). Both Brisbane and Darwin recorded the second highest rise (3.2%) and Melbourne recorded the third highest rise (3.1%).

Between the March quarter 2010 and the June quarter 2010 the Brisbane CPI increased by 0.7% compared with an increase of 0.6% for the weighted average of the eight capital cities.

#### **Consumer Price Index, All Groups - Percentage change from previous quarter(a): Original**



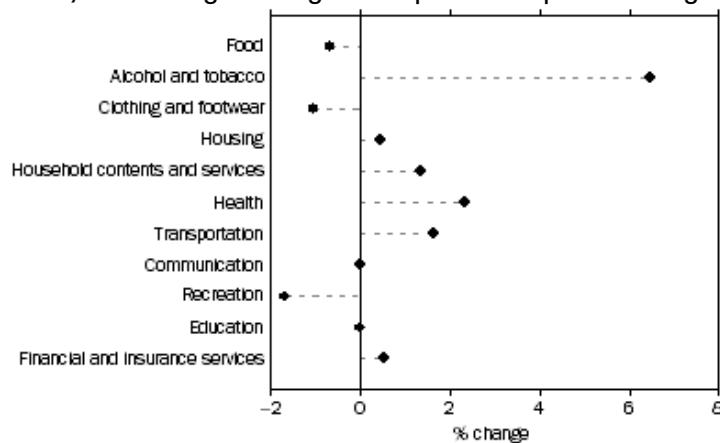
(a) The 2000–01 data were affected by the introduction of The New Tax System, in particular, the introduction of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) from 1 July 2000.

Source: Consumer Price Index, Australia (cat. no. 6401.0).

In the June 2010 quarter, the majority of Brisbane price categories groups increased compared with the previous quarter. The largest increases were Alcohol and tobacco (6.5%) and Health (2.3%).

Over the same period, decreases were recorded for Recreation (-1.7%), Clothing and footwear (-1.1%) and Food (-0.7%).

#### **CPI Movement, Brisbane, Percentage change from previous quarter: Original - June 2010 quarter**



Source: Consumer Price Index, Australia (cat. no. 6401.0).

For more detailed information on the consumer price index, please refer to [Consumer Price Index, Australia](#) (cat no. 6401.0) or ring the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. This publication is released quarterly.

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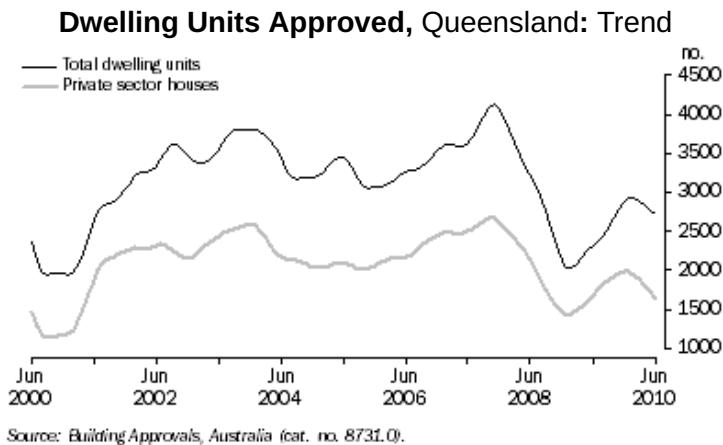
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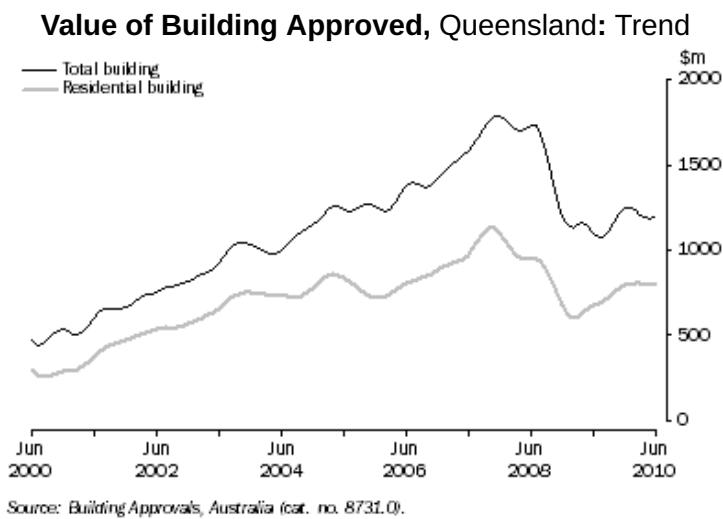
## CONSTRUCTION

### Building Approvals

In June 2010, the total number of dwelling units approved in Queensland in trend terms was 2,711. This was a decrease of 2.2% from the previous month. The trend estimate for private sector houses was 1,644 approvals which represented 61% of total dwelling units approved.



In June 2010, the total value of building approvals in trend terms was \$1,201 million, a 1.6% increase from the previous month and a 9.1% increase from June 2009. Residential buildings accounted for 67% of the total value of buildings.

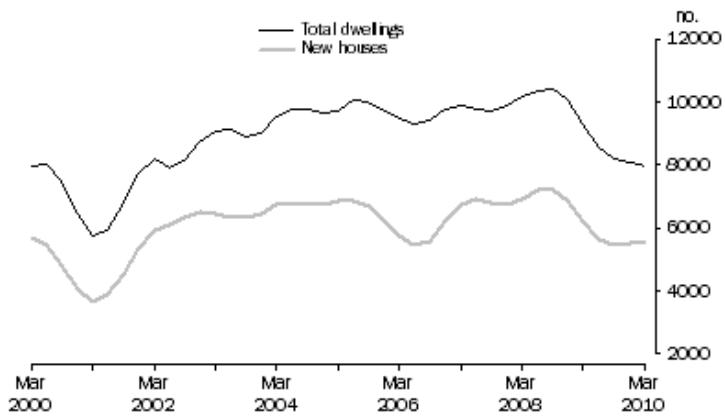


For more information on this topic, please refer to [Building Approvals, Australia](#) (cat. no. 8731.0) or contact the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. This publication is released monthly.

### Building Activity

In the March 2010 quarter, the total number of dwelling units completed in trend terms in Queensland was 7,984. This was a decrease of 1.4% from the December 2009 quarter. There were 5,543 new houses completed during the March 2010 quarter which represented 69% of the total number of dwelling units completed.

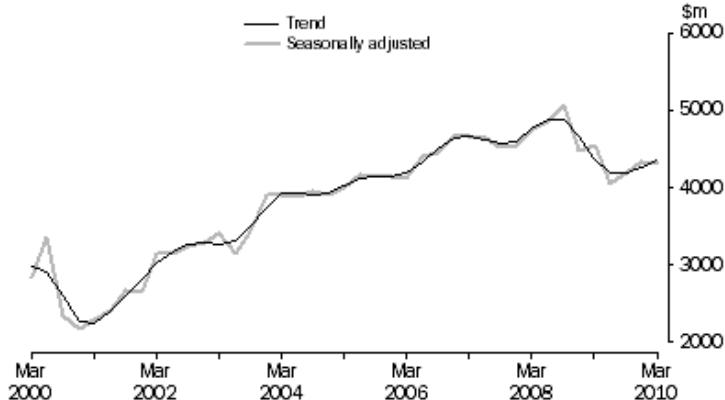
### Dwellings Completed(a), Queensland: Trend



(a) Includes alterations, additions and conversions.  
Source: Building Activity, Australia (cat. no. 8752.0).

In the March 2010 quarter, the trend estimate of the value of total building work done was \$4,361 million. This was an increase of 2.3% from the December 2009 quarter.

#### **Value of Work Done, Chain Volume Measures - Queensland**



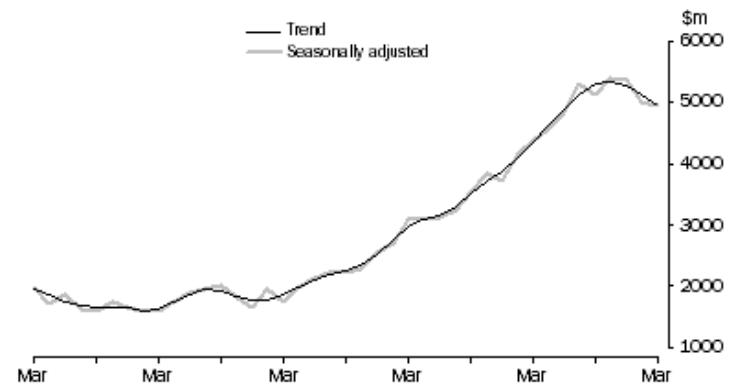
Source: Building Activity, Australia (cat. no. 8752.0).

For more information on this topic, please refer to [Building Activity, Australia](#) (cat. no. 8752.0) or contact the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. This publication is released quarterly.

#### **Engineering Construction**

Between the December 2009 and March 2010 quarters, the Queensland chain volume trend estimate of the value of engineering construction decreased by 3.4% to \$4,946 million. This is the third monthly decrease since the period of strong growth from September quarter 2003 to June quarter 2009.

#### **Engineering Construction Work Done, Chain Volume Measures - Queensland**



Source: *Engineering Construction Activity, Australia* (cat. no. 8762.0).

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## Housing Finance

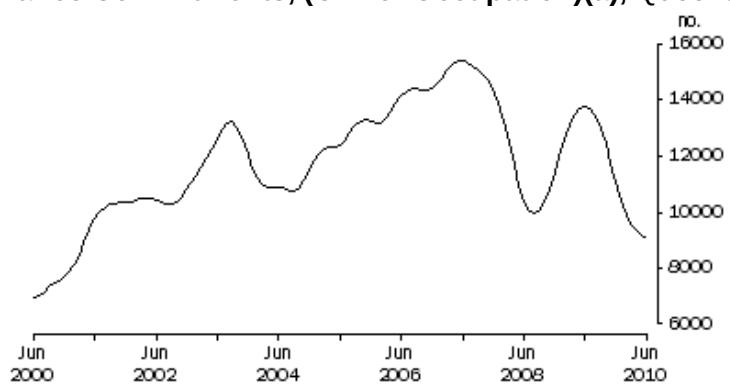
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### HOUSING FINANCE

#### Housing Finance Commitments

In Queensland, the number of owner occupied housing commitments in trend estimate terms decreased to 9,064 (down 1.2%) from May 2010 to June 2010. This was the twelfth consecutive monthly decrease.

#### Housing Finance Commitments, (Owner Occupation)(a), Queensland: Trend



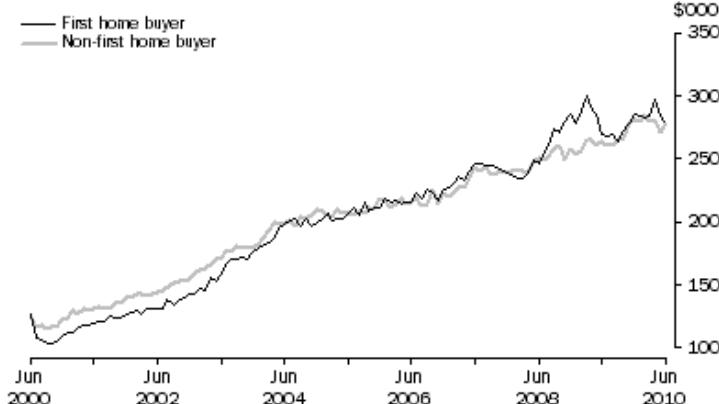
(a) Excludes alterations and additions. Includes refinancing.  
Source: *Housing Finance, Australia* (cat. no. 5609.0).

The trend estimate of the total value of housing finance commitments for owner occupation in Queensland decreased by 1.3% to \$2,535 million, from May 2010 to June 2010. Over the year to June 2010, in trend estimate terms, the value of housing finance commitments showed a decrease of 31%.

Over the ten years from June 2000 to June 2010, the average home loan commitment for owner occupied dwellings in Queensland more than doubled from \$124,200 to \$278,400.

In June 2010, the average loan size for first home buyers (\$279,000) decreased 1.9% from the previous month. The June 2010 average loan size for non-first home buyers (\$278,300) increased 2.5% from the previous month.

#### Average Loan Size by Type of Buyer (Owner Occupation)(a), Queensland: Original



(a) Excludes alterations and additions. Includes refinancing.  
Source: *Housing Finance, Australia* (cat. no. 5609.0).

Further information on this topic is available in [Housing Finance, Australia](#) (cat. no. 5609.0) or by contacting the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. This publication is released monthly.

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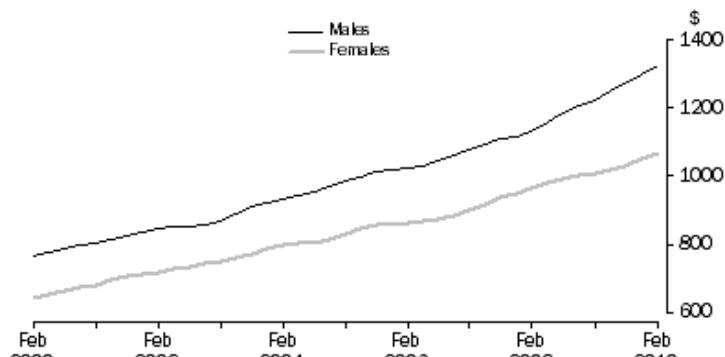
### INCOMES

#### Average Weekly Earnings

The trend estimate of average weekly ordinary time earnings for full-time adult persons in Queensland increased by 7.5% to \$1,233.20 in the 12 months to February 2010. Nationally, the corresponding increase was lower at 5.9% (up to \$1,243.10).

The trend estimate of average weekly ordinary time earnings for full-time adult persons in Queensland rose by 8.2% for males and 6.0% for females over the 12 months to February 2010. The February 2010 female estimate of \$1,069.30 was 81% of the corresponding male estimate of \$1,327.30.

#### Average Weekly Earnings, Full-Time Adult Ordinary Time, Queensland: Trend



Source: *Average Weekly Earnings, Australia* (cat. no. 6302.0).

More information on average weekly earnings can be accessed at [Average Weekly Earnings, Australia](#) (cat. no. 6302.0) or by contacting the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. This publication is released quarterly.

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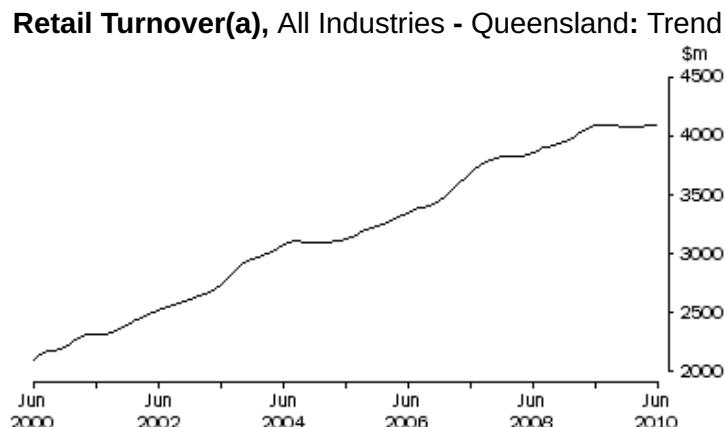
## Consumption and Investment

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### CONSUMPTION AND INVESTMENT

#### Retail Trade

The June 2010 trend estimate for Queensland's retail turnover was \$4,097 million, an increase of 0.1% from May 2010. Food retailing accounted for the greatest proportion of retail turnover in June 2010 at 42% (\$1,728 million), followed by Supermarket and grocery stores at 35% (\$1,454 million), Household goods retailing at 17% (\$708 million) and Cafes, restaurants and takeaway food services at 12% (\$490 million).



(a) There was a break in the trend series between June 2000 and July 2000 due to the introduction of The New Tax System.

Source: *Retail Trade, Australia* (cat. no. 8501.0).

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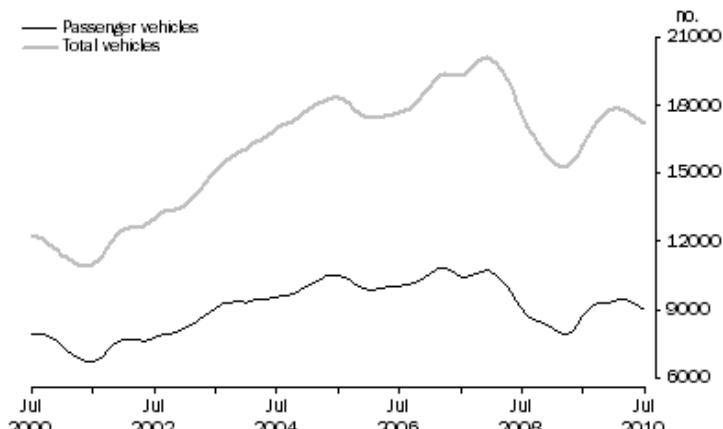
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## New Motor Vehicle Sales

In trend terms, a total of 17,174 new vehicles were sold in Queensland in July 2010. Of these, 8,916 were new passenger vehicles. Corresponding sales for Australia were 86,662 total new vehicles and 49,192 new passenger vehicles. When comparing July 2010 with June 2010, Queensland recorded a decrease of 2.2% in passenger vehicle sales. Total new vehicle sales decreased by 4.9% over the same period.

In July 2000, new passenger vehicle sales accounted for 65% of total new vehicle sales in Queensland. By July 2010, the proportion for new passenger vehicle sales had fallen to 52%.

**New Motor Vehicle Sales, Queensland: Trend**



Source: Sales of New Motor Vehicles, Australia (cat. no. 9314.0).

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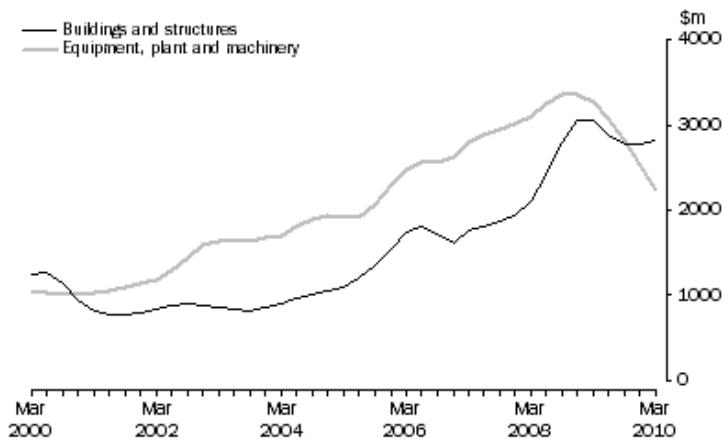
## Private New Capital Expenditure

Between the December 2009 and the March 2010 quarters, the Queensland chain volume trend estimate of private new capital expenditure decreased by 5.4% to \$5,030 million.

During the same period, expenditure on Equipment, plant and machinery decreased by 12% to \$2,230 million while expenditure on Buildings and structures increased by 1.2% to \$2,812 million.

Comparing the March 2010 quarter with the March 2009 quarter, Queensland's total private new capital expenditure decreased by 20%. Expenditure on Equipment, plant and machinery decreased by 32% and expenditure on Buildings and structures decreased by 7.7%.

**Private New Capital Expenditure, Chain Volume Measures by quarter - Queensland: Trend**



Source: *Private New Capital Expenditure and Expected Expenditure, Australia* (cat. no. 5625.0).

Further information on this topic can be accessed at [Private New Capital Expenditure and Expected Expenditure, Australia](#) (cat. no. 5625.0) or by contacting the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. This publication is released quarterly.

## Queensland's Interstate Trade

Information on this topic can be accessed at [Interstate Trade, Queensland](#) (cat. no. 8502.3) or by contacting Queensland Interstate Trade on 1800 654 467. This publication is released quarterly.

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## Tourist Accommodation

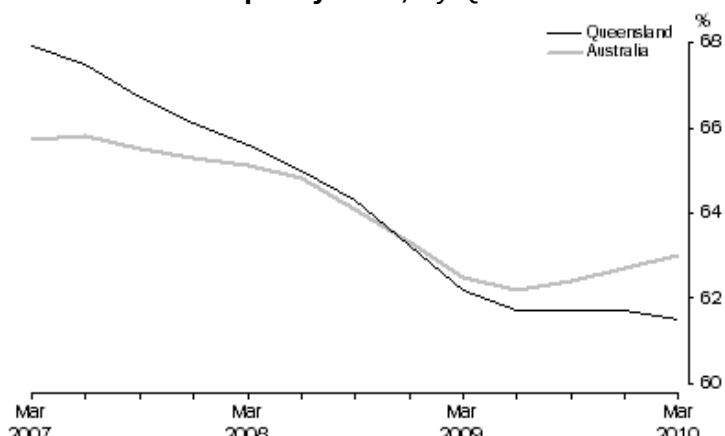
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### TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

#### Queensland Hotels, Motels and Serviced Apartments with 15 or More Rooms

In the March 2010 quarter, there were 1,136 hotels, motels and serviced apartments with 15 or more rooms. These establishments had a guest room capacity of 61,534 rooms. The trend estimate of the room occupancy rate for Queensland was 61.5%, slightly lower than the national average (63.0%).

**Room Occupancy Rate, By Quarter: Trend**



Source: *Tourist Accommodation, Australia* (cat. no. 8635.0).

In the March 2010 quarter, Queensland hotels, motels and serviced apartments with 15 or more rooms catered for 2.2 million guest arrivals. Queensland establishments reported the longest average length of stay for guests (2.7 days) of all states and territories. The national average was 2.3 days.

The trend estimate of Queensland total accommodation takings for hotels, motels and serviced apartments with 15 or more rooms was \$496 million in the March 2010 quarter.

For more detailed information on Queensland's tourist accommodation, please refer to [Tourist Accommodation, Australia](#) (cat. no. 8635.0) and [Tourist Accommodation, Small Area Data, Queensland](#) (cat. no. 8635.3.55.001) or ring the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. This publication and data cube are released quarterly.

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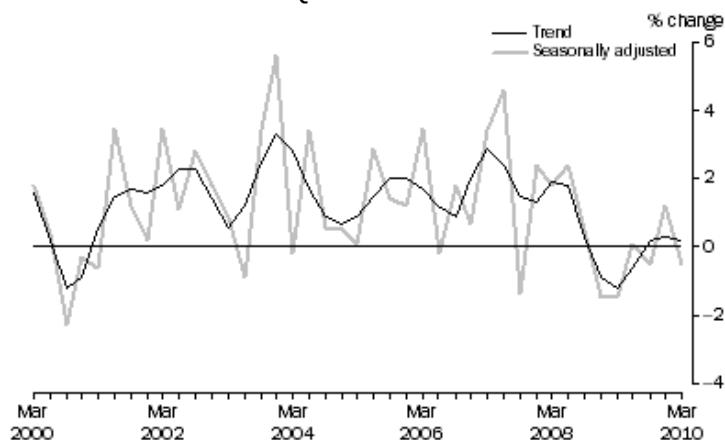
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### STATE ACCOUNTS

Queensland's March quarter 2010 State Final Demand in chain volume (trend) terms was \$60,675 million, a \$106 million (0.2%) increase from the December quarter 2009. Australia's Domestic Final Demand (trend) increased 1.2% over the same period, to \$318,713 million.

**State Final Demand, Chain Volume Measures - Percentage change from previous quarter:**  
Queensland



Source: Australian National Accounts: National Income, Expenditure and Product (cat. no. 5206.0).

For more detailed information on this topic, please refer to [Australian National Accounts: National Income, Expenditure and Product](#) (cat. no. 5206.0) or contact the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. This publication is released quarterly.

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## Recent Environment and Energy Statistics

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### RECENT ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY STATISTICS

#### **Queensland Water and Energy Use and Conservation, Oct 2009**

Queensland Water and Energy Use and Conservation, Oct 2009 (cat. no. 4602.3) was released on 21 July 2010.

This publication presents outcomes from the Queensland Water and Energy Use and Conservation Survey in Queensland. This survey was conducted during October 2009.

The survey collected data across all of Queensland on selected household usage of water and energy such as swimming pools, irrigation watering systems, air conditioning and hot water systems. Also collected were data on sources of water and energy for the dwelling, as well as data on insulation, whitegoods and televisions, all of which have implications for resource use. As such, survey results may provide further understanding of the environmental impact of Queensland households.

Another environmental component of the survey was public transport use by persons in the household. Data items included whether or not public transport was used, how often it was usually used and reasons why public transport was used or not used. Public transport data were only collected for Brisbane.

Some data for Queensland:

- There were 901,800 households with at least one flat screen (plasma or LCD) television. This represented 55% of households that used a television.
- Half of all households (50%) had a dishwasher.
- There were 957,800 households with a clothes dryer, which represented 58% of all households.
- Insulation was installed in, or on order by, 57% (935,300) of households.
- Of all households with a hot water system, 8% had a solar hot water system.
- In the month prior to the survey, 35% of Brisbane residents aged 18 years and over used public

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### **ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY RELEASES**

#### **Regular environment releases with Queensland content:**

[Stocks of Grain Held by Bulk Handling Companies and Grain Traders, Australia, \(cat. no. 7122.0.55.001\)](#)

[Livestock Products, Australia, \(cat. no. 7215.0\)](#)

[Livestock and Meat, Australia, \(cat. no. 7218.0.55.001\)](#)

[Wheat Use and Stocks, Australia, \(cat. no. 7307.0\)](#)

#### **Regular energy releases with Queensland content:**

[Mineral and Petroleum Exploration, Australia, \(cat. no. 8412.0\)](#)

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#### **INSTITUTIONAL ENVIRONMENT**

For information on the institutional environment of the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), including the legislative obligations of the ABS, financing and governance arrangements, and mechanisms for scrutiny of ABS operations, please see ABS Institutional Environment.

Other than new motor vehicle sales and housing finance, all data published in Qld Stats is collected under the Census and Statistics Act. The New Motor Vehicle Sales statistics are compiled for publication using data provided by the Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries (FCAI). The collection is known as VFACTS and is based on retail sales by all FCAI member companies. The ABS calculates seasonally adjusted and trend series for publication in New Motor Vehicle Sales. For housing finance, the majority of the data are collected by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) under the Financial Sector (Collection of Data) Act 2001, whilst the ABS collects data from lenders not required to report to APRA.

## **RELEVANCE**

The aim of Qld Stats is to provide information relevant to Queenslanders. Most of the data are presented at the state level. Population data from Regional Population Growth, Australia are presented annually in Qld Stats at statistical division level. Finer levels of disaggregation are available in the publication.

## **TIMELINESS**

Data published in Qld Stats are taken from the ABS web site for each collection and these data represent the most recent available indicators in each topic group.

## **ACCURACY**

Details on the accuracy of each series included in Qld Stats can be found in the individual source publications. Where available, the relevant Quality Declaration, Explanatory Notes or Technical Note should be referred to for specific details about data quality. Revisions can occur in source publications at some point of time after release. These revisions may or may not be reflected in Qld Stats, depending on the date of original inclusion in Qld Stats.

## **COHERENCE**

Most series can be compared with similar series published by the ABS as definitions are uniform but careful investigation may be needed. Differences between series (where applicable) are available from the Explanatory Notes of the source publications.

## **INTERPRETABILITY**

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